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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Pinal Regional Partnership Council

**Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2009**

Welcome and Call to Order

The Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at San Manuel School District Office, Board Room, 711 McNab Parkway, San Manuel, AZ 85631

Regional Council Chair Mezzio called the meeting to order at 1:58 PM.

Council Members in attendance:

Barbara Mezzio, Bryant Powell, Christina Jenkins, and Mary Kyle

Council Members in attendance via teleconference:

Kai Gerkey, Melanie O'Neil, Charity Russell, and Mary Allen

First Things First Staff in attendance:

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Marla Chamberlain, and Carrie Loos

First Things First Staff in attendance via teleconference:

Teri Lippens and Annette Garcia

Public in attendance:

4 members of the public were present

Consent Agenda

The items on the Consent Agenda included the June 10, 2009 Work Session Meeting Minutes and the Meeting Minutes from the June 10, 2009 Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Member Gerkey to accept the June 10, 2009 Work Session Meeting Minutes, seconded by Member Kyle, 7 in favor and 1 abstain. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Gerkey to accept the June 10, 2009 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Member Kyle, 7 in favor and 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Family Friend and Neighbor RFGA (FTF-RC019-10-31-00): Discussion & Possible Approval of Review Committee Recommendations

Chair Mezzio requested the Council Members to declare any conflicts of interest. Council Members with a conflict of interest regarding agenda item #3 were: Member Russell and Member O'Neil.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins to move into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A) (1) and ARS 38-431.03 (A) (3), for purposes of discussing Agenda Item #3 Family Friend and Neighbor RFGA (FTF-RC019-10-0131-00) discussion of Review Committee recommendations, seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried at approximately 2:05PM.

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, reviewed the statutory guidelines related to Executive Session. She reminded the Council and the public that only those non-Council members reasonably necessary to the Executive Session discussion may attend the Executive Session. Regional Council Members and First Things First Staff were asked to leave the room after the motion and vote and to take all materials including brief cases. In addition, Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reminded all members and staff that, matters discussed in Executive Session must be kept confidential by those attending pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (C), except in some very limited circumstances, such as in the course of an Open Meeting Law investigation by the Attorney General or County Attorney. The members and staff were also reminded that the Executive Session is subject to the provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Regional Council Members and First Things First Staff were asked to leave and attend the Executive Session in a closed meeting room.

Executive Session is recorded and the minutes are confidential.

Regional Council Members and First Things First Staff returned to the San Manuel School District Board Room.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins to close Executive Session, seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried at approximately 2:23 PM.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins to accept the recommendations of the Review Committee for the Family Friend and Neighbor RFGA (FTF-RC019-10-0131-00), seconded by Member Allen. Motion carried at approximately 2:29 PM. All Council Members were in favor, where there was not a conflict of interest. Council Member Russell and Member O'Neil abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Presentation and Discussion on First Things First External Evaluation

Chair Mezzio recognized Beth Blue Swadener, Ph.D., Co-PI and Chris Iddings, Ph.D., Faculty, University Consortium for a presentation and discussion on First Things First External Evaluation. Copies of the presentation were distributed to the Council Members and to the members of the public. The presentation items discussed were: overview, First Things First goals, the evaluation task, evaluation team, evaluation design, two simultaneous studies, readiness study – a snapshot of Arizona kindergartners, longitudinal – child cohort study, longitudinal – family and community case studies, family and community portraits, evaluation analysis, cohort-sequential design, evaluation instruments, criteria for instrument selection, school readiness, instruments – readiness, instruments – longitudinal, geographic information systems (GIS) mapping/baseline, and GIS community mapping.

Presentation and Discussion on Home Visitation

Chair Mezzio recognized Sara Maestas, First Things First Program Supervisor with Pinal Gila Child Care Services, Inc. for a presentation and discussion on Home Visitation. Copies of the presentation were distributed to the Council Members and to the members of the public. The items discussed were: family enrollment, on-going collaboration, and staff development. Ms. Maestas stated that 13 zip codes are

being served and that 15 families in San Manuel, 15 families in Superior, 15 families in Oracle, 10 families in Maricopa, 15 families in Stanfield, and 15 families in Picacho are being served. The remaining slots are designated for the Ak-Chin community and PGCCS is currently in discussion with the Ak-Chin community on providing services on the community.

Health Strategy Work Group Update and Discussion

Chair Mezzio recognized Member Gerkey for a Health Strategy Work Group Update and Discussion. Member Gerkey announced that at this time the work group does not have any new information to report back to the Council. The next Health Strategy Work Group is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 2:00 pm.

Quality and Access Strategy Work Group Update and Discussion

Chair Mezzio recognized Ms. Kempton-Sarosi for a Quality and Access Strategy Work Group Update and Discussion. Ms. Kempton-Sarosi notified the Council that the state funded scholarship strategy will be moved to the Quality and Access Strategy Work Group. The next Quality and Access Strategy Work Group will be scheduled within the next week and the members will be notified of the new date and time.

Family Support Strategy Work Group Update and Discussion

Chair Mezzio recognized Member Allen for a Family Support Strategy Work Group Update and Discussion. Member Allen announced that the work group is continuing talks in regards to the literacy strategy. A needs assessment is currently being developed to address the support of a literacy strategy in the community. A library survey is also being designed and will be distributed to the Youth Librarians in Pinal County within the next week. The next Family Support Strategy Work Group is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 10:00 am.

Professional Development Strategy Work Group Update and Discussion

Chair Mezzio recognized Member O'Neil for a Professional Development Strategy Work Group Update and Discussion. Member O'Neil announced that at this time the work group does not have any new information to report back to the Council. The next Professional Development Strategy Work Group is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 2:00 pm.

Discussion and Possible Approval of FY2010 Council Meeting Dates

Chair Mezzio recognized Ms. Kempton-Sarosi for a discussion and possible approval of FY2010 Council Meeting Dates. Copies of Council Meeting dates were distributed to the Council Members and to the members of the public. Ms. Kempton-Sarosi announced the remainder of the FY2009 Council Meeting dates and announced the FY2010 Council Meeting dates up to August, 2010. The Council elected to keep the schedule as is and request that Council Meetings be held throughout the Pinal Region.

Regional Coordinator's Report

Chair Mezzio recognized Ms. Kempton-Sarosi for the Regional Coordinator's Report. Copies of the report were distributed to the Council Members and to the members of the public. The action items were: update on emergency child care scholarships and food assistance, Quality First!, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Arizona, compensation and retention initiative, parent kits, child care health consultation, and other announcements.

Call to the Public

The public did not submit any call to the public forms

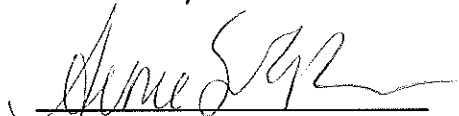
Next Meeting – September 9, 2009 (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

The next Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at Central Arizona College, Rm I211 – Community Room.

Adjourn

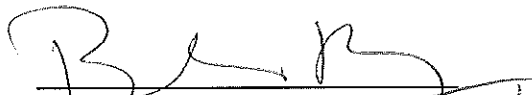
A motion was made by Member Kyle to adjourn the Council Meeting at 3:41 PM, seconded by Member Jenkins. Motion carried.

Submitted By:



Aimee Kempton-Sarosi
Regional Coordinator
Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Approved By:



Barbara Mezzio
Chair, Pinal Regional Partnership Council